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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL MATERIALS INFORMATION
SYSTEMS

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1. SUMMARY: OUR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES
THAT THE FRG NEITHER HAS NOR IS PLANNING A NATIONAL
MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM. A NUMBER OF
RELEVANT STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY, HOWEVER, WHICH MAY

PROVIDE DATA OF INTEREST FOR THE OTA STUDY OUTLINED
IN REFTTEL. END SUMMARY

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
THAT THE FRG DOES NOT STOCKPILE CRITICAL MATERIALS AS IS
DONE IN THE US. THOSE STOCKPILES MAINTAINED BY
INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES ARE ONLY PARTIALLY DOCUMENTED
BY STATISTICS.

3. A NATIONAL MATERIALS POLICY FALLS WITHIN THE
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RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR

ECONOMICS; THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IS MINISTERIALRAT DR. SAMES (GEOSCIENCES, MINERALS, RAW MATERIALS). THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY ALSO SUPPORTS THE EXPLORATION AND PROSPECTING PROGRAMS OF GERMAN INDUSTRY IN GERMANY AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES. DR. SAMES IS CO-AUTHOR OF A SPECIAL REPORT RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE GERMAN RESEARCH SOCIETY ABOUT RESEARCH ON ORE DEPOSITS (LAGERSTAETTENFORSCHUNG), PRIMARILY PROSPECTING.

4. RESEARCH CONNECTED WITH MATERIALS AND RESOURCES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTERIALRAT DR. MENDEN (MATERIALS, AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION) IS CHIEF OF THIS SUB-DEPARTMENT.

5. BOTH THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICIALS HAVE COORDINATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN THE FRG IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUDING CONTRACT STUDIES CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

6. PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED ABOUT PLANS FOR SUBJECT STUDY IN THE FRG.
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